UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

THOMAS LAMONT WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff.

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3:20-cv-00068-RCJ-CLB

CITI VISTA, et. al.,

ORDER

Defendant.

I. DISCUSSION

On January 31, 2020, Plaintiff, an inmate in custody at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center,¹ submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1; 1-1). Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$400 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit <u>all three</u> the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed <u>Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate</u>, this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a <u>Financial Certificate</u> properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the <u>inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the</u> previous six-month period.

Plaintiff has not submitted a properly signed copy of the financial certificate nor has he proved a copy of his jail trust account statement for the previous six-month period.

¹ Formerly incarcerated at the Washoe County Detention Center.

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Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 1). without prejudice because the application is incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time extension** to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma* pauperis on this Court's approved form and containing all three of the required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully complete application to proceed in forma pauperis on or before Monday, June 15, 2020. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed in forma pauperis with all three required documents on or before Monday, June 15, 2020, the Court will dismiss this case without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed in forma pauperis. To clarify, a dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit with the application to proceed in forma pauperis. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an application to proceed in forma pauperis and instead pay the full filing fee of \$400 on or before Monday, June 15, 2020 to proceed with this case. The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed in forma pauperis with all three documents or pays the full \$400 filing fee.

I. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1.) is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before Monday, June 15, 2020, Plaintiff will either pay the full \$400 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and

1 the \$50 administrative fee) or file with the Court: 2 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed** in Forma Pauperis for Inmate on this 3 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two 4 signatures on page 3), 5 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail 6 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and 7 (3) a copy of the inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the 8 previous six-month period. 9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete 10 application to proceed in forma pauperis with all three documents or pay the full \$400 11 filing fee for a civil action on or before Monday, June 15, 2020, the Court will dismiss this 12 action without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case 13 number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to 14 proceed in forma pauperis. 15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint 16 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time. 17 DATED: April 17, 2020. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28